

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - final
Acton Senior Center Audubon Hill
January 17, 2013

Mr Martin called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Tom Campbell
Sean Hanley
Pat Clifford
John Sonner

Committee Members Not Present:

Clare Siska
Michaela Moran

Other Attendees:

Corey York
Fran Osman
Bill Davies

Review of meeting minutes:

Minutes of 11/15 were accepted with no changes.

Comments from the public:

- Ms. Osman suggested that TAC and SATSAC get together to discuss traffic flow around the station.
- Ms. Osman reported that the legislation allowing us to use parking lot income has passed and we now can use the income for the elevator maintenance, shuttles, liability and maintenance.

Construction Update:

- Mr. Martin provided an update that stated that he hasn't received a detailed schedule, but expects things to start moving along shortly.
- The feeling was that the MBCR fencing and the contractor delivering equipment would trigger some movement.
- Mr York was under the impression that the Montourri land sale was complete

Publicity:

- Mr Martin gave some details about the SATSAC website and felt he could get it up and running in a few weeks
- The Beacon is looking to publish a regular (monthly maybe) update on the construction. Mr Martin is meeting with Margaret Smith on 1/18
- Suggestions included having a weekly update that would simply give the status, or providing a monthly download from the monthly SATSAC meeting.

Maple Street Traffic Calming:

- Mr. Martin will share the MAPC study with TAC and SATSAC
- Mr. York indicated that he would be able to coordinate a discussion with the town to add some traffic calming measures to Maple St.
- Ms. Osman indicated that the parking for out of town parkers needs to be considered, and that maintain the ability to park on Maple St after 10:00am was a nice benefit.
- Mr. Hanley suggested that parking on both sides of Maple is an issue with thru traffic and it is exacerbated by snow banks
- Mr Hanley also expressed concern with traveling North on 27 and turning left onto Maple, as the sight lines on 27 are somewhat obscured by the crest of the Rte 27 bridge.

Parking Issues:

- Mr. Martin asked Mr. York what kind of timelines would it require to review and redesign the layout of the parking lot and lighting. Mr York felt that that work could be done within the last 6 months of the project.
- Ms. Clifford suggested that if the train station is due to be complete in June 2014, then she suggested that we should begin the budgeting early - to get our "oar in the water" so to speak.
- Ms. Clifford suggested that we let Mr. York know how much money to ask for by September 2103 so that we can properly earmark funding for 2014. Mr. York felt that we could add this to the Meter upgrade conversation.
- The discussion for the Montourri property will also need to be discussed on a similar timeline (both the leasing it from the MBTA and the finishing it for parking or drop off)
- Mr. Martin suggested that we continue these conversations in the summer.

Coordination:

- Ms. Osman suggested that SATSAC attend their Wednesday 1/23/13 meeting and it appeared that Mr. Martin, Mr. Hanley, and Ms. Clifford could attend.
- Ms. Clifford suggested that we bring the folks from the ARRT to discuss how other towns have handled parking at Rail Trails and whether they charge and what capacity is appropriate.
- Mr. Martin asked Ms Osman whether the Contractor has inquired to using the Minutevan for the auxiliary parking. She had provided the name to the Minutevan coordinator, and is unaware if any connections have been made.
- Mr. Hanley and Mr. Campbell had a sidebar discussion where they felt that Ms. Clifford should negotiate the replacement parking with the contractor.

Future Meetings:

- 02/07/13
- 02/28/13

Adjourn:

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn, Mr. Hanley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:37